

March 30, 2016

Dear Chairman Harnett,

We, the undersigned District Chairs of the North Carolina Republican Party, represent the grassroots Republicans from every corner of our Great State. We strenuously object to your call for a meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) on April 9. The call to meet on this date disenfranchises one third of the Executive Committee and creates numerous problems for the grassroots Republicans from all over NC:

1. There are four District Conventions on this same date representing 1/3 of the Republicans in NC. Did you intend for these four Conventions to be rescheduled so that everyone can attend the emergency EC meeting, or did you intend to force people to choose between attending their District Convention or having a voice in the emergency EC meeting?
2. The District Conventions are conducting some of the most important work in a Presidential election year with the election of delegates, since the delegates have important work to do this year if the RNC ends up in an open convention. Your actions directly impact those people who wish to be delegates to the RNC or who wish to vote for the delegates to the RNC, but who also want to have a voice at the EC meeting.
3. The District Conventions are electing Presidential electors. Again, the EC members in four Districts are being forced to choose whether to vote for Presidential electors or to have a voice in the EC meeting.
4. Calling an emergency meeting without stating the emergency business makes it even more difficult for an EC member to decide which is most important, to attend their District Convention or to attend the EC meeting?
5. Holding an EC meeting in Wilmington is a serious burden on the EC members in the Western half of the state. Some EC members will spend as much as 5 – 7 hours travelling in each direction on one day for a single meeting.
6. Your decision to call an emergency EC meeting on this date disenfranchises hard working grassroots Republican activists. How can they effectively participate in managing the affairs of the NCGOP when their Chairman cannot schedule the meeting when it does not conflict with District Conventions?

We are asking you to cancel this meeting and to reschedule it on a later date when there are no district conventions scheduled. This will also allow the four affected Districts to conduct the very important business that we must complete and still be able to have a voice in the EC meeting.

Regards,

1st District Chairman, Garry Terry
2nd District Chairman, Joyce Cotten
3rd District Chairman, Kim Cotten-West
4th District Chairman, Matthew Arnold
5th District VC Chairman, Stanley Celeste
6th District Chairman, Don Webb
7th District Chairman, Helen Pannullo
8th District Chairman, Kelsey Brown
9th District Chairman, John Steward
10th District Chairman, Ted Alexander
11th District Chairman, David Sawyer
13th District Chairman, Zan Bunn